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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining this patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please delete claims 22-39 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add the following claims:

1 40. The method of claim 19, wherein said thread control block/message structure
2 supports control of a thread within said second task and said method further comprises:
3 determining if said thread is queued to a thread queue of said second task; and
4 transferring said message from said first task and said second task.